



# State Route 76 East

## South Mission Road to Interstate 15

### FACT SHEET

#### GOALS

Relieve existing and future traffic congestion; improve motorist safety; and protect and enhance natural resources.

#### FUNDING

The current project estimate is \$203 million. Anticipated funding for the project includes Federal, TransNet, developer, county of San Diego Transportation Impact Fee, and Tribal contributions.

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#### THE PROJECT

The current proposal is to develop a four-lane conventional highway from South Mission Road to just east of Interstate 15 (I-15) as well as widen and improve the SR-76/I-15 interchange. Project alternatives currently being developed include the Existing Alignment, Southern Alignment and the No Build Alternative.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The widening and realigning of SR-76 will present numerous environmental challenges. Potential concerns include safety, change of community character and possible business displacements. Other environmental concerns are the possible loss of biological resources including riparian habitat, wetlands, endangered species and impacts to public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic and archaeological sites. There is also the potential for floodplain encroachment, the taking of agricultural land and visual impacts due to cuts, fills, and structures. Studies to determine the extent and severity of the impacts to these resources began in Spring 2007. The draft environmental document was released in September 2010 with a final document planned for fall 2011.

#### TRAFFIC

The current traffic volume on SR-76 between South Mission Road and I-15 is approximately 20,000 average daily trips. Planned growth will increase the traffic volume to approximately 46,000 average daily trips by the year 2030. Within the study limits, a transportation project will need to be implemented to safely and efficiently handle the traffic increase. Rail transit is not planned for the corridor.

